

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Institute.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 Learning Institute.

3 *Whereas, The Social and Learning Institute, located in*
4 *Michigan City, Indiana, is a unique school that helps*
5 *mentally and developmentally impaired adults to socialize,*
6 *and to learn basic life skills in order to lead independent,*
7 *creative, and productive lives;*

8 *Whereas, The Social and Learning Institute has recently*
9 *completed a 2500 square foot addition to the rear of their*
10 *current location, which will allow more individuals to*
11 *participate in their programs;*

12 *Whereas, Originally an experimental program at the*
13 *LaPorte County Therapy Center entitled "Adult Activities*
14 *Class", the program provided mentally and developmentally*
15 *handicapped adults with opportunities to grow in their social*
16 *and learning skills, as well as instilling the special*
17 *camaraderie of similar handicapped individuals in a safe,*
18 *nurturing and protected environment from 1973 to 1976;*

19 *Whereas, Funding for the program ran out in 1976, but*
20 *the need for these services did not;*

21 *Whereas, Marguerite Gardner, James Guerrucci, the*
22 *parents of handicapped individuals, and local volunteers*



1 *worked diligently alongside Senator Anita Bowser to fill this*
2 *need in the local community by raising funds, passing*
3 *meaningful legislation, and raising awareness of the issues*
4 *involved;*

5 *Whereas, The tireless advocacy of these individuals has*
6 *allowed the Social and Learning Institute to expand their*
7 *services to more members in the community, increasing the*
8 *number of students from five to twenty-seven over the past*
9 *thirty-six years; and*

10 *Whereas, The new addition to their building will let the*
11 *Institute provide services and changes the lives of many more*
12 *handicapped individuals over the next few years: Therefore,*

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
14 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*
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16 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly recognizes and
17 thanks the Social and Learning Institute for their valuable contribution
18 to well being of handicapped individuals in the State of Indiana.

19 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
20 transmit copies of the resolution to James J. Guerrucci and R.A.
21 Gardner.

